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legislature president Vicente N. Santos plans to issue a public statement this week answering charges he has misused more than \$35,000 in legislature funds, according to legislative counsel William B. Nabors.

The Trust Territory government charged last Thursday that Santos has engaged in a "continuing scheme" since 1970 of making improper and unauthorized payments to himself and others.

A \$2,500 payment to Nabors in 1970 was one of the payments cited in the government's complaint.

Nabors said Monday he knew of no such payment.

The complaint was prepared by the district attorney for Ponape, Minor Pounds.